



**Town of Nantucket
Ad Hoc Budget Workgroup**

Minutes – Ad Hoc Budget Workgroup Meeting, held December 1, 2011

Approved 01/10/2012

A duly noticed meeting of the Ad Hoc Budget Workgroup was held in the conference room located at #16 Broad Street on Thursday, December 1, 2012, commencing at 9:00 AM.

Present: C. Elizabeth Gibson, Gregg Tivnan, Rick Atherton, Whitey Willauer, Michael Cozort, Robin Harvey, Glenn Field, Matt Mulcahy, and Irene Larivee

Absent: Jenny Garneau, Tim Soverino

Call to Order:

Chairman Rick Atherton called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM.

Approval of Minutes

None

Continued Review of FY2013 Forecast

Ms. Gibson informed the group there were two significant changes in the FY2013 forecast. The first item was an increase of \$100,000 in the revenue projection for local meals and room excise tax. The second adjustment was reducing the capital expenses from revenue down to the 1% bylaw requirement. The savings was applied 50/50 to the Town and School.

Mr. Field questioned if the School could use the adjusted figures to develop their budget projection; which Ms. Larivee responded “yes”.

Ms. Gibson informed the workgroup the citizen warrant articles that specifically request funding have not been included in the general fund projection. Actions from these articles may have an impact on the general fund (town / school) budget.

Mr. Cozort provided an update regarding the Community School. Last year, in developing the budget, reductions were made across the board. The school may revisit the impact of the prior year’s action in the FY2013 budget process. Mr. Cozort requested clarification on reallocating fund to the community school budget, would this come from the school’s allocation? Ms. Larivee responded, yes, the school has the ability to determine the education category of Article 8 which includes the community school.

Review Upcoming Events in December

Ms. Gibson provided an overview of upcoming activities in December which include but are not limited to presenting the town budget to the Board of Selectmen; the Finance Committee begins meeting on warrant articles; the Capital Committee forwards their recommendations to the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee; the Town is planning to review health care changes. Ms. Gibson also informed the workgroup union negotiations will begin for Fire, Public Works, and Laborer’s union.

Review Town / School General Fund Split

Ms. Larivee provided the workgroup with a copy of the general fund split between the town and the school. The town’s portion of the FY2013 general fund forecast is 49.0% and the school is 51.0%.

Mr. Field indicated the town continues to be generous to the school. Mr. Atherton was pleased to see the town and school moving forward with the budget process while living within projected revenues. Ms. Larivee and Mr. Field concurred.

Ms. Gibson explained the town portion of the FY2013 budget projection is balanced. She noted proactive measures over the past five years have put us in a good position for the FY2013 general fund budget process. Mr. Kopko responded that he was at a meeting recently off island where other communities continue to go through massive cuts and layoffs. The town is very lucky to keep what we have.

Date of Next Meeting & Topics

January 10, 2012 at 9:00AM

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 AM.



Prepared by Irene Larivee